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SUBJECT: GUSH EMUNIM ADVOCATE NUMBER TWO ON NRP LIST

1. IN A DECISION REACHED ONLY ON THE LAST DAY OF FILING
AND AFTER HEATED DEBATE, RABBI HAIM DRUCKMAN WAS
PLACED SECOND ON THE NRP KNESSET LIST. DRUCKMAN IS
HEAD OF A YESHIVA (OR ETZION) AND A NEWCOMER TO NRP
POLITICS. HE IS ALSO CLOSE TO GUSH EMUNIM AND
PRESUMABLY SHARES THAT GROUP'S SINGULAR COMMITMENT
TO RETAINING THE WEST BANK. FOLLOWING PUBLICATION
OF THE PARTY'S LIST, GUSH EMUNIM LEADER RABBI ZVI
YEHUDAH KOOK ANNOUNCED HIS SUPPORT OF THE NRP.

2. THE FIRST TWELVE NAMES ON THE NRP LIST TOGETHER WITH
THE FACTIONS THEY REPRESENT ARE AS FOLLOWS: YOSEF
BURG (BURG FACTION); HAIM DRUCKMAN (NO FACTION); ZEVULUN
HAMMER (YOUTH); AHARON ABU-HATZEIRA (LIKUD V'TMURAH,
FORMERLY HEADED BY RAPHAEL); AVRAHAM MELAMED
(BURG); YEHUDAH BEN-MEIR (YOUTH); ELIEZER AFTABI
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(MOSHAVISM); DAVID GLASS (LIKUD V'TMURAH); ZERAH
WARHAFTIG (WARHAFTIG); RUEHEN BEN ZION (BURG);
SARAH STERN-KATAN (WOMEN); PINHAS SCHEINMAN (LIKUD
V'TMURAH). AFTER DECIDING THAT THE PARTY'S
"CLEAN SWEEP" (REMOVAL OF RAPHAEL) DID NOT GO FAR
ENOUGH, THE RELIGIOUS KIBBUTZ FACTION DECLINED
REPRESENTATION ON THE LIST. (THEY HAD BEEN

OFFERED 11TH PLACE.)

3. COMMENT:YITZHAK RAPHAEL, FORMER MINISTER OF RELIGION AND ERSTWHILE LEADER OF A MAJOR NRP FACTION, DECIDED AFTER DESERTION BY MOST OF HIS FACTION NOT TO RUN INDEPENDENTLY. HIS OUSTER AND THE INCLUSION OF RUCKMAN IN THE SECOND SLOT MARKS THE ASCENDANCY OF THE YOUTH FACTION IN THE PARTY. THAT FACTION SPEARHEADED THE DRIVE TO INCLUDE DRUCKMAN. THE NRP IS NOW DECIDEDLY HARDLINE ON THE WEST BANK AND CAN EXPECT TO ATTRACT SIGNIFICANT GUSH EMUNIM VOTES. THE PARTY MAY WELL INCREASE ITS REPRESENTATION BY PERHAPS ONE SEAT (IT NOW HAS 10). HOWEVER, IN CONVERSATION WITH US BEN-MEIR WAS CAUTIOUS. HIS ESTIMATE FOR THE NRP CONTINGENT WAS NINE TO ELEVEN SEATS. BEN MEIR THOUGHT DRUCKMAN TO BE A VALUABLE ADDITION TO THE LIST. HE IS A SPIRITUAL MAN WHO LEADS AN EXEMPLARY LIFE, AND IS ACTIVE IN EDUCATION AND GOOD WORKS. BEN MEIR THOUGHT THAT HE WOULD ATTRACT MANY RELIGIOUS INTELLECTUALS, HERETOFORE TURNED OFF FROM SUPPORTING THE NRP BECAUSE OF PEOPLE LIKE RAPHAEL AND THE SUBORDINATION OF SPIRITUAL CONSIDERATIONS TO POLITICS.

4.BEN MEIR ALSO TOLD US THAT A GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY WOULD BE THE NRP'S CONDITION TO ENTERING A NEW COALITION.HE ESTIMATED THAT ANY LIKELY COALITION WITHOUT THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NRP (UNLESS IT INCLUDED BOTH THE ALIGNMENT AND LIKUD) WOULD HAVE A PRECARIOUSLY THIN MAJORITY.
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